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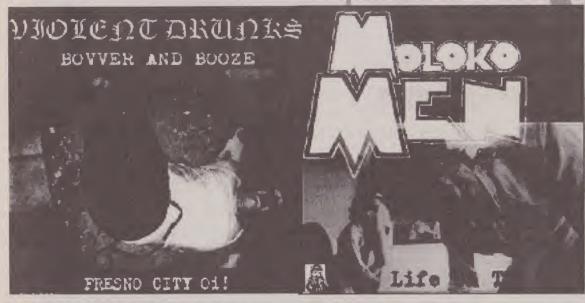


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by G-MAN

Its time to bust out your dancing shoes and put on your best rude-boy /girl duds and grab hold of your mouse! O.K. Now that we have scared away half the readers, you did read that correctly, I did say mouse. The following article is geared towards my technology enabled brothers and sisters and even those who are techcurious out there who might like to use that home computer (or work computer as in my case) to do the surfing for Ska thing. I know a ton of folks from New York to DC that think of computers like they think of STD's "never had one, and never will". Well at least that is the case with most of them. In a sense I agree. Some people spend way to much time sitting on their asses hiding behind their keyboards, case in point check out they straightedge website for some of the best soapbox shit talking around. But the Internet is not a completely evil entity, and I have come to learn it can be an extremely useful tool to keep me abreast of all the happenings in the HC/Ska/Oiscenes all over the world.

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by Noah Wildman

I recently read an interview with a prominent ska musician who claimed there to be, in his own words, a "crisis in ska lyrics". Most of the words that accompany the ska music made today are banal, trite, insubstantial and detract from the potential greatness of the genre itself.

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The following are the top three sites that I found, that will send you on your way to cyber-skank heaven. It is no coincidence that the three are all what are known as "webrings". Webrings are websites that link together pages by a common subject, in this case Ska. All of the webrings have a small navi-

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Hepcat can be found at: www.crashers.com/hepcat/

The Skoidats can be found at: members.tripod.com/ ~skoidats_ska/

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Lastly, I needed to pay homage to a page that kept me abreast of all things Ska and New York. As I have said I am a displaced New Yorker here in DC but I often trek up to the big city that aint to pretty, to catch shows, visit friends, eat falafel, you know, the usual. It was hard for me to catch wind down here of the goings on up there. This is where the net is a great tool and this is where I must thank Eugene's Ska Page. Eugene's page is now called the "Skarupulous Ska Page" and it can be found at skapage.ml.org or it can be accessed through the IRC#SKA webring. This is a very comprehensive site with tons of great Ska stuff. Unfortunately Eugene has given up the rigorous task of personally keeping us informed

You lot should think yourself lucky. Bands galore,a national punk mag, and punk on the telly, even. Over here we have heavy metal mags, disgraceful indie shitrags(NME, MELODY MAKER) and I can't even remember the last time I listened to the radio.

The only option is the underground scene. So here goes...

New Oi band ON FILE(Hedgy, 47 Finavon Pl, Dundee, DD4 9DY, Scotland) are due out 3 tracks on the new "Punks Skins and Herberts" on HELEN OF 01. They also have just had 2 tracks on

the new comp CD "Oi! It's Streetpunk Vol 2", which, although packaged like a bog standard sampler, is full of choice punk rock, and Hedgy and the boys shine above the rest with

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band from New Zealand) and 3 ZERO TOLERANCE from London who play brilliant Oi influenced punk along the lines of CONTEMPT and OXYMORON. They include Clara(ex PMT) in their ranks, and their 7" is called "Sick of You" and is the best thing ever to appear on Helen

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feature mad frontman Alan from the FORK HUNTS, plus an APOCALYPSE BABYS member, and very good fans of the Old Bill! The CD single has been delayed (finding s printer willing to do it may be a bit hard-Alan's lass parts her legs on the cover!)

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The MINIMUM WAGE, meanwhile, has been conveniently "forgotten" about, and the next big idea is the NEW DEAL. This is where the long term unemployed(initially only those aged 18-24) are

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Reazione are known as a good live band as we always played gigs really determined,

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O: will you be touring? The US maybe?

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Oink: Has there been a lot of label support?

FS: Not really. Sta-press released the 7" very behind late and a lot of people hd trouble getting it for a while. I guess we shouldn't expect to much, this is Oi! afterall, but because of that we're really going keep on top of our future releases.

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really starting to take off. So after playing for about four years and getting no where, we decided to call it quits. It's funny because our last show was our best show, I have that on tape and its sad to listen to. We were finally getting the turnout abd we were

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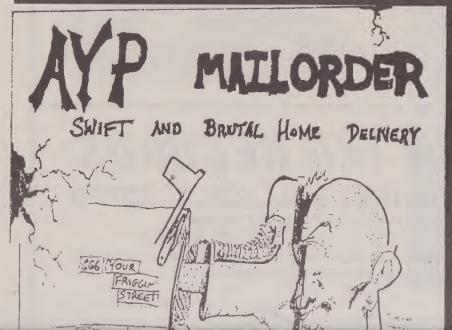




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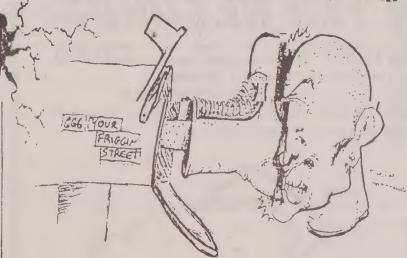


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A: We've been together for about four years now, so you do the math.

Q: What is the connection to Durango 95 with The InCiters?

A: When we first started The InCiters, there were three of us that were in

Durango 95. When that band broke up, we wanted to keep playing soul, so we got together some more friends and carried on.

Q: Is Durango 95 comepletely dead and how much unreleased stuff do you have from them?

A:Yeah, that band is way gone. I still hang out with most of the guys and Misty, who by the way will probably be do some stuff with us in the future. Mike and Glen from Durango 95 have an OI band now called The Reducers. I have all the tapes from that band and yes we have enough to release a whole album, which if there is any interest, Dave

here at OINK will issue.

Q: So The InCiters have been together for four years? Has that been tough

with such a big band and have you gone through lineup changes?

A:Yes, keeping 11 to 13 people together and always happy is insane! We have gone

through line-up changes. We originally lost or two original female singers,

which we replaced and kept going. But, recently we did a reunion gig with most

original players and we had them back for a night along with some original

horns and guitar as well. One of the girls lives in London and she was back on vacation. It was so fun that

vacation. It was so fun that we got Alana back in band permanently and the

trombone player, Brigham as well. I am so stoked!!! Alana was great as a

singer and a song writter. I've included some pictures from that night. We

played with the Rhythm Doctors that night, which also our horns are going to

start playing with them on occasion. Any way, yes we had to replace some

people a few times and it's not fun, but the way the band is now, it's going

to be for a while and it feels good and fun again!

Q: With that said, what is the current line-up?

A: Right now, we are auditioning guitar players. This will be our third. The other two left on good terms, due to a time problem with both of them. So we have Bill, Alana, Merideth and

Amanda on vocals. Me(Rick) on trumpet, Brigham

on t-bone, Sam doing bari sax and Charlie doing tenor sax. On drums we have Kyle and our bass man is

George. We are still and always looking for a hammond player.

Q: What are your shows like? What types of bands do you play with and what kind of crowd do you you draw?

A: We mostly play at ska shows with bands like Hepcat, Rhthym Doctors, The

The Selecter, Desmond Dekker, and the Skatalites to name a few. We've also played with Supergrass, The Commitments and various other soul/pop bands, but mostly

ska. Our biggest following are skins, mods and scooterists. We've played lots

of scooter shows, which are always a blast! Since some of us ride scooters, we really enjoy doing those.

Q: Who rides scooters and what do you ride?

A: I have a 1966 tv200 Lambretta, Samhas a p200E, and Charlie has a couple of older Vespas. He actually is like a real greasy mechanic type of quy.

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Q: Are you ever going to tour out of California?

A: We hope so. We've had

offers to do the East coast and Europe, but it's a money problem. We are all poor and we don't have much of a label to support us. But we will do it on our own sooner or later.

Q: Is there much of a mod or soul scene in California or in the U.S.A.?

A: Well, there is, but it's very underground. We have allnighters up here in

San Francisco about every two months. In L.A. they have dances (not all-

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Durango 95. When that band broke up, we wanted to keep playing soul, so we got together some more friends and carried on.

Q: Is Durango 95 comepletely dead and how much unreleased stuff do you have from them?

A:Yeah, that band is way gone. I still hang out with most of the guys and Misty, who by the way will probably be do some stuff with us in the future. Mike and Glen from Durango 95 have an OI band now called The Reducers. I have all the tapes from that band and yes we have enough to release a whole album, which if there is any interest, Dave

female singers, which we replaced and kept going. But, recently we did a reunion gig with most original players and we had them back for a night along with some original horns and guitar as well. One of the girls lives in London and she was back on vacation. It was so fun that we got Alana back in band permanently and the trombone player, Brigham as well. I am so stoked!!! Alana was great as a singer and a song writter. I've included some pictures from that night. We played with the Rhythm Doctors that night, which also our horns are going to start playing with them on occasion. Any way, yes we

have Bill, Alana, Merideth and Amanda on vocals. Me(Rick) on trumpet, Brigham on t-bone, Sam doing bari sax and Charlie doing tenor sax. On drums we have Kyle and our bass man is George. We are still and always looking for a hammond player.

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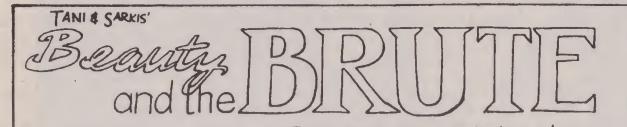
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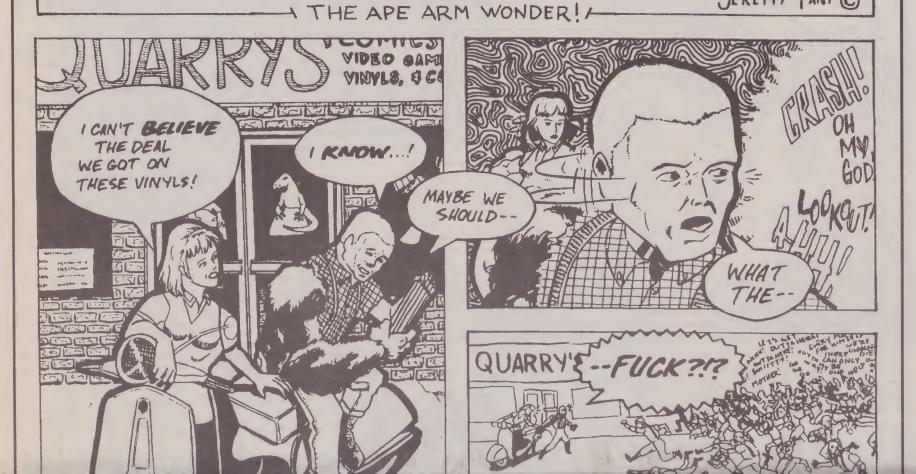
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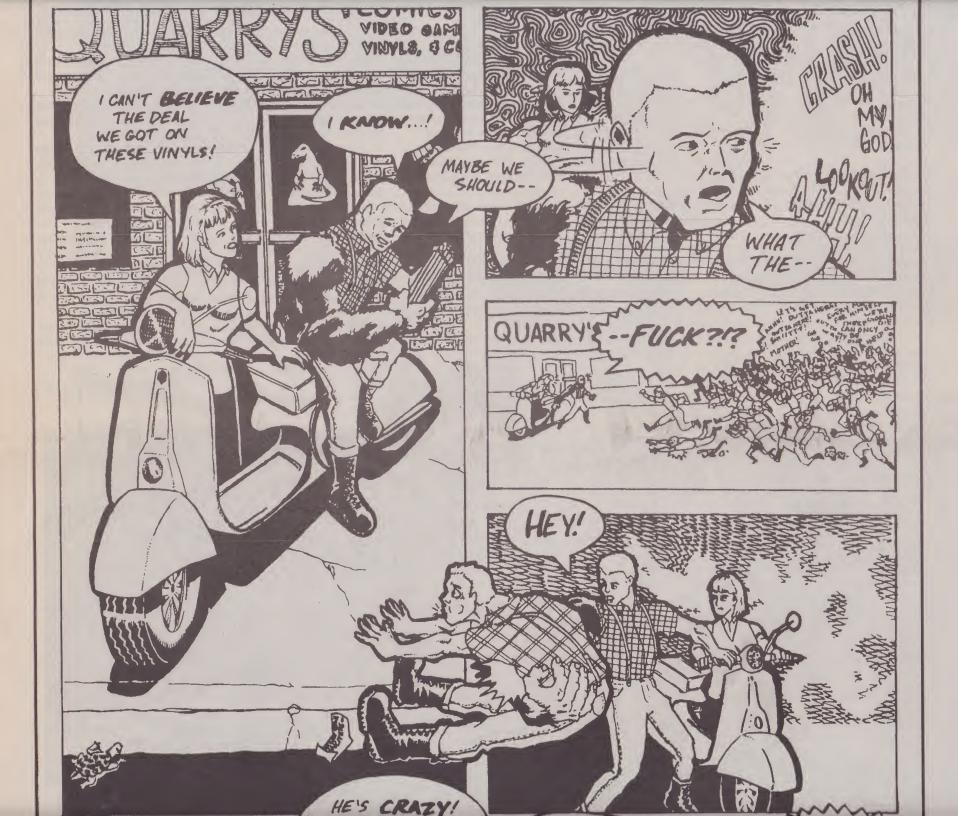


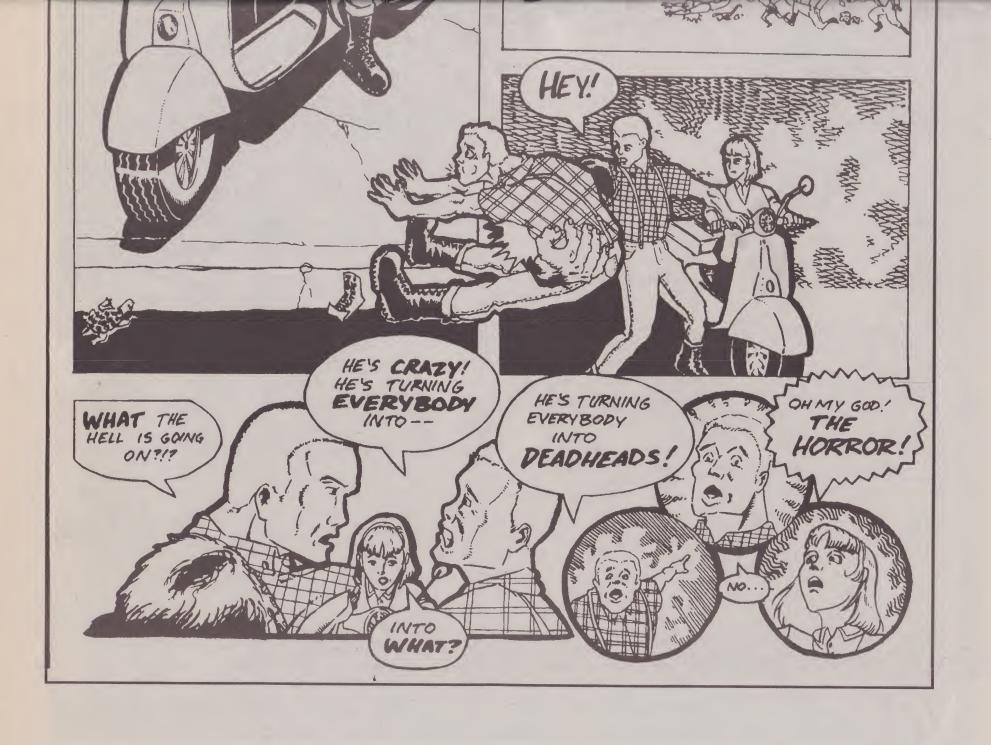
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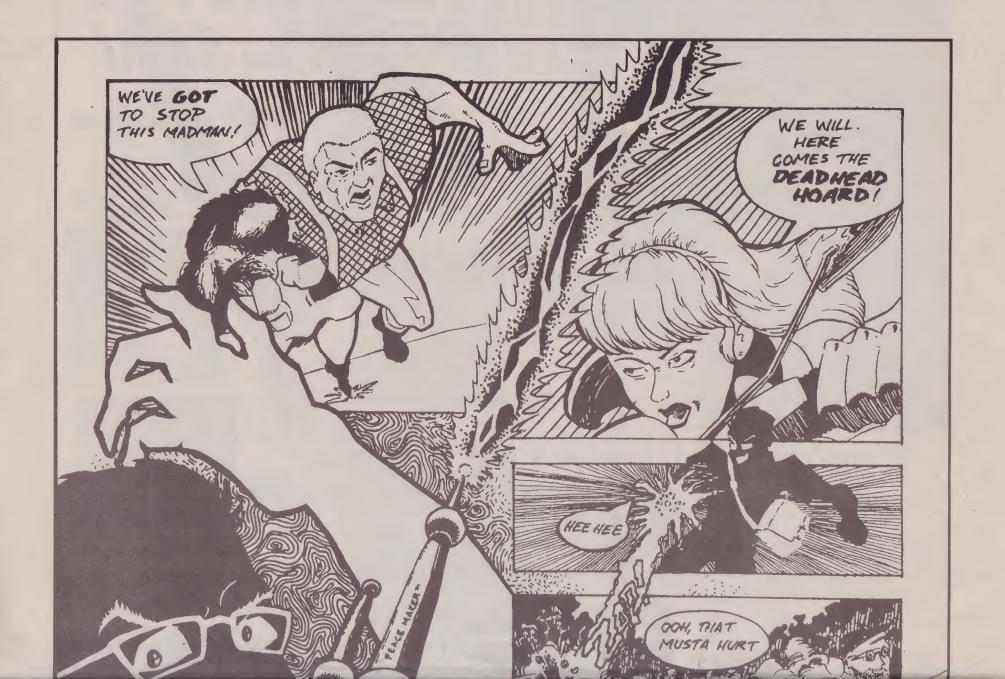


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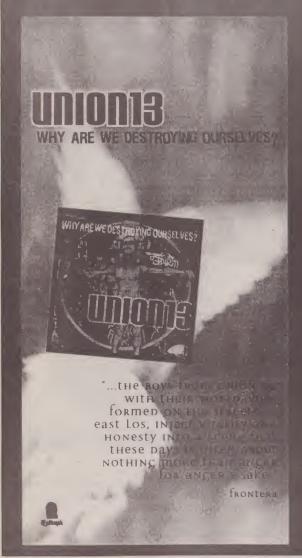
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THEREDUCERS

The interview was conducted by Dave Wood on August 24th.

G=Glen M=Mike

What's the current line up of the band?

G-The lineup were workin with right now is Mike bass, Kevin on lead guitar, Scott on drums and myself on rhythm guitar and lead cracking vocals.

How long have you been playing together?

G- Me, Mike and Kevin have been playing now for about three an a half years I guess. We just cant seem to hang on to drummers. I started out on vocals almost 2 years ago when our old singer left town and we kept playing.

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Bitzcore's Cock Sparrer tribute album, if that ever fully develops. And were back into the studio in a month to finish our full length for TKO records.

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What are some of the better bands you've been playing with?

G- In the bay area at the moment that would be the Workin Stiffs, One Man Army, The Forgotten, a couple others. As far as the scene over-all, I'd have to go with bands like the Dropkick Murphys, The Filth F.C., The Dead End Cruisers, we played with Frankie Flame a while ago too, which was great fun. I also like bands like the Belltones and the Truants even though we haven't had a chance to play with any of them.

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as the Lower Class Brats. and everyone on TKO, the best record company in the streetpunk business!

Any comments on the San Francisco scene? How do you differentiate it from the scene on the East Coast? G-The S.F. scene is a lot of fun right now. There is always room for more good music, but our local promoter is doing a real good job at setting up a lot of killer shows with bands from out of town. I think there is a lot of potential here. I think the main difference between the coast thing would have to do with the influence of hardcore punk. Definitely no offense meant but I don't think it got as big in most skinhead circles out on the West Coast as in the East. The main obsessions here seemed to rest more within the British punk and OI vein when it came to punk rock in general.

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lage and he used to DJ for the kids down at the Devonshire Rooms around this time, so all in it was a great place to be askin, rude boy, what have you.

Oink: When did you start it, what happened, and when did it end? GM: I started SKINHEAD TIMES in

December 1989. The first issue only had four

pages and was given away at gigs and the like. We produced 16 issues in total

with the final issue coming out in February, 1995. By then we were printing

and distributring 5,000 copies around the world and a German language edition

Oink: There were some special issues of ST, any ones that people should look out for?

GM: Two issues were actually free 7" singles which are pretty collectable already.

Issue one is rare because only 1,000 were printed, but the rarest of all is issue 12 which was meant to be a Christmas issue with a Christmas cover. The print quality was so poor we scrapped it and reprinted with a new cover in January. We sent out about 400 of the original version to anyone who asked for it, and then dumped the rest in a skip.

Oink: Many argue that your book played a part in fucking up the scene,

basically teaching many assholes how to act the part of skinhead Whats your take on that? Do you feel that at all?

GM: I've heard that, but it makes me laugh to be honest. Before Spirit O '69, you had kids believing every word the mainstream media said about skinheads and that attracted some real assholes to the cult. If that didn't fuck up the scene, I don't know what did. So when something like Spirit Of '69 comes along to portray the reality of the skinhead cult, surely that's got to be better? No book will ever teach you how to act like skinhead, just like all the money in the world might buy you all the clothes, the records, etc., but that doesn't make you a skinhead. It's either in your heart or its not, and you'll always get fashion victims whether they read books or not.

kid in my class came to school with his head shaved and with his ear pierced. That night we all went home and asked our Mums if we could do the same. My Mum said I could have the haircut, but not the earing, so sheepishly I went to school the next day expecting to be the only one without a pierced ear. But as things turned out, everyone was allowed the haircut, but nobody the earing! At the time, every kid wore

boots because of the bootboy era (I

wore monkey boots at the time) and

we were like little skinheads without

knowing anything about the cult. This

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Adolf And The Piss Artists "Heroes?" 7" (45 Revolutions)
This band is made up of exTimebomb 77 and Man's Ruin.
Decent punk rock from Atlanta,
It grows on you the more you
listen to it. The band has great
lyrics + ideas. Also a cover of
the Valves. Pick this up.

Adrenalin O.D. "Sentimental Abuse" EP (Headache) [DW] Old school-style punk rock outta New Jersey somewhat a-typical of the majority of Headache releases. I like this lots, because it's hard and carries a sense of humor ("Sock Woman" is about a girl who uses socks instead of boys for pleasure), and also because it kept me moving. "Bug Music" even has a garage feel to it. If you're into old-school punk and are looking for a great new release, these four songs are recommended.

Against All Authority "Above the Law" EP (Far Out) [BL] This release is way old. All four of these songs are on their first LP. Though it brings back some memories of high school listening to it, it continues to make me wanna shake my groove thang. The cover artwork is pretty neato. You probably already have these songs

Agnostic Front "Something's Gotta Give" CD (Epitaph)
This is the new album from Agnostic Front. They're back and as good as they ever were.
This is amazing NYHC the way it should be, just like the band used to play it - The only difference between this and their older material is that you might actually understand the singer. Go out and get this album.

All "Mass Nerder" LP (Epitaph) [DW]

I just don't get the whole All/Descendants thing. Stick with one or the other! Well normally I hate skate rock but All has always been anexception. I liked their albums on SST, their last LP on a major, "Pummel," and this new full-length is no exception. It's not earth-shattering but it just the same as always, 16 skate rock songs about girls and life. If you like All or the Descendents or that type of stuff then go for this, it won't be dissapointing.

Alta Tension-Volveran Los Buenos Tiempos-Bronco Bullfrog [CM]

A really good debut from these Spanish skins and punks. A good mixture of oi and punk, although it's all in Spanish, so you can't understand what they are trying to say. My only problem is the vocals. Lound and screachy which don't mix well with the music. Includes a Decebilios cover and a Cock Sparrer. Check it out, good up and coming streetpunk from

Another Man's Poison "Howsa 'bout That" CD (Walzwerk) [TD] Originally released on vinyl on Helen of Oi! in 1994. This is the CD version made by the Walzwerk crew. Excellent Oi! music from one of the best British bands of the early 90's. Powerful music, great lyrics. As bonus tracks, you can find 'Thats What I Call' ep from 1992 and the 'Wallop' ep from 1993.

Anti-Nowhere League-Return to Yugoslavia- Knockout [CM] No suprises here. Classic ANL caught live in what was Yugoslavia in 1997. Good sound quality and they play all of the classics with a few from their new album "Scum" mixed in, nothing from that crap "The perfect crime". Good for nostalgia, but nothing extra-ordinary.

Avail "Over The James" CD (Lookout)

Wow, this has always been one of my favorite bands and this release fucking rules. Great Hardcore punk along the lines of their past release "Dixie". I can't say anything except for you to get this...I don't care what your musical preference - it doesn't getmuch better.

Avail "live at the bottom of the hill in San Francisco" CD (Lookout)

Theres some good songs on here but in general it sorta blows. Quality isn't the best I've heard and i'm more of a punk from Austria (Ithink). This also has some HC breakdown type stuff in it. The vocals sound quite hard with a touch of gravel in them. This music is pretty basic for the genre. Lots of repetitive sing-a-longs. Nothing that really stands out. With a bit of musical improvement, this would be a lot better. A pretty good debut.

Best Defense- Six Gun Justice- Pure Impact [CM]

This is a release which was recorded in the mid-late eighties by this Philadelphia oi band. Some people really like this, but I don't think it's anything special. It's definitely worth hearing. Good late 80's American oi. Heavy rock influences, a bit RACish If you liked mudeighties American oi, this is one of the best..

Billyboy E La Sua Banda-Morte a Chupa-chupa-Durango 95 [CM]

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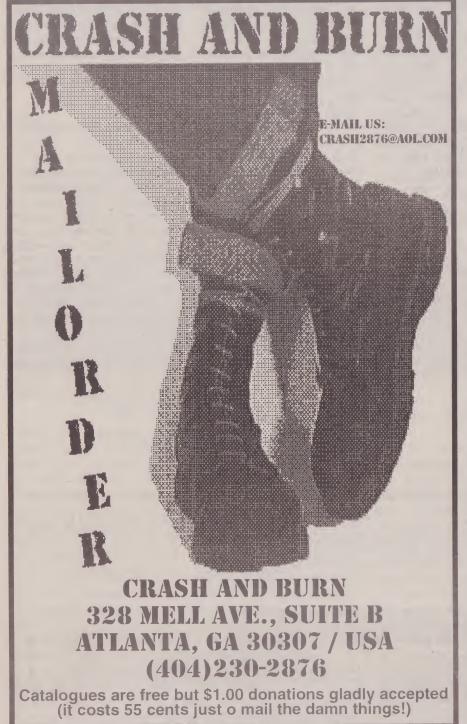
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Why the fuck am I reviewing albums that everyone and their momowns? Oh well, you know what to expect and if you don't then why the fuck are you reading this?

Catch 22 "Keasbey Nights" CD

(Victory Records) [WD]

I can't put my finger on it, but there's something that separates these guys from all the other ska bands that you would expect them to sound like. Maybe it's talent. Fast, loud, and fun as hell to listen to, Catch 22 represents the direction that punk/ska should have taken. If Victory Records is planning on adding ska bands to their normally-hardcore label, they're starting off on the right foot.

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Whenever I stole the Humpers stuff from the radio room, I'd always give them to my friend cos I never liked them. But this is excellent — not what I expected at all. It made me laugh and shake and it's fairly rockin. The opening song, "Steel-toed sneakers" is great and the rest of the album is just good ol rock n roll. If I was to steal this Humpers record, I would absolutely make a copy before I gave it to my buddy. Whoa, this made me shake my ass!

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When I hear this malformation of real ska music, I just want to hit somebody really hard in the teeth. It sounds like it was made for mall kids who heard the Bosstones or the new Toasters CD in Tower and now decided to hit the ska a little deeper. Totally unoriginal, uninspired, and just aching to ride the profitable wave of third generation ska, dare I say, crap.

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Negative FX/ Last Rights-Taang!

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Pist 'N' Broke-Last Call- Vulture Rock [CM]

This is a pretty good release from Pist 'N' Broke. I like this more than their stuff on Oi the gathering or Oi/Skampilation 2. Good oi with a bit of ska mixed in. I think that the production takes away a lot from the music however. Good powerful oi with some good melodies and some ska thrown in.

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Rabblerousers-The way the street ought to sound- Blind Beggar [CM]

A good debut from these Canadian skins. Soft and poppy melodic oi with tons of sing-alomgs. Sounds like a lot of Japanese shit that's coming out, and I don't really like that, too poppy for me. The vocals could use some more aggression as well as the music. This just doesn't work for me. I dunno, maybe I'm wrong. Too

generic.

Rancid "Life Won't Wait" LP (Epitaph) [BL]

The way I see it, Rancid has been striving since their inception for an aesthetic zenith which has been driven by three main factors: 1) the media's conception of them and what they'd like them to be; 2) the state of popular rock today; 3) they're own integrity or lack thereof. Putting all ridiculous "punk-rock" politics aside (we'll leave that to the summer squatter suburban kids), Rancid's new album seems very ambiguous to me, in that they went out on a limb doing some of the stuff here, but at the same time, ska is what's huge now. But Rancid is talented. They took ska, dub, reggae, rock, punk, and threw it all into the mix, more than ever on their 3 previous LP's, which they've been increasing the amount of ska influences on with each one. I think Rancid has reached their creative limit on this record. The lowering of the volume on "Life Won't Wait" may be odd for a long time fan, but no punk band was punk forever. Every band with artistic integrity needs to search for their aesthetic breaking point. Rancid has accomplished one of the best records of '98.

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Ruin- Songs of Reverie and Ruin-Black Hole records. [DW] I really don't like this. Bad hardcore with some emo thrown in for no good reason in bad places. I simply just don't like this kind of music. Most readers of this zine probably feel the same way, so this is a definite pass. Good for it's own genre, but not for the punks and skins.

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The Unruly- S/T- Vulture Rock [CM]

This album is a disappointment, it doesn't suck, but their demo was so much better. The quality of this recording sucks. Anyway, good R.A.C./ Oi from NY. I've heard a lot of bad shit about these guys, but who says stupid people don't know how to make decent music. If you can't find their demo, get this from Vulture rock.

U.S. Chaos- Complete Chaos - GMM [CM]

Reissue of their releases by this legendary American V/A "Boots & Suits" 7" (Radical)

This is a split 7" b/w I-7 and the Skoildats. The I-7 side starts with a decent song but weak vocals - I wonder whos singing? The second somg is punk song - "Junior Guzzler"! Sounds like Splodge with meaner vocals. Its not up to par with their cd but its someting to have, i guess. The Skoildats start with an attempt to do Skinhead reggae. I think its ok but but a bit too unnatural for this band - a welcome change of pace though. As the song goes on I start to like it. The sencond somg is Oi! -They do ok with it, its very rock 'n rolly. A fucking weird release. The cover art blows too.

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Last release from NYC Oisters The Templars; they are my favorite US Oi! band. Great music as always and on the CD format, you've got three bonus tracks (recorded live in '97). Best tracks on this CD are 'skins & Punks', 'Chansons de Geste'; a highly recommended CD for all the Templars fans and for the others who want to be introduced to this great band.

Templars- Catacombes- Vulture Rock [CM]

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I listened to three songs before playing frisbee with this record. They have 7 gold records, go figure. If you like Swedish folk mixed with Abba, this is for you. A lot of skins with good taste in music like this, so don't take my word for it, judge for yourself.

The Unruly- S/T- Vulture Rock [CM]

This album is a disappointment, it doesn't suck, but their demo was so much better. The quality of this recording sucks. Anyway, good R.A.C./ Oi from NY. I've heard a lot of bad shit about these guys, but who says stupid people don't know how to make decent music. If you can't find their demo, get this from Vulture rock.

U.S. Chaos- Complete Chaos - GMM [CM]

Reissue of their releases by this legendary American streetpunk band. Great, straight forward streetpunk with greatlyrics and a hilarious cover.. Includes a live cover of "Antisocial" by Skrewdriver. Nothing else to say, but if you don't have this or know these guys, buy this, you will not be let down. Thanks to Gmm for making these classics available

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V/A "Cashing in on x-mas" CD (Black Hole)

This is a great CD. It features: Wretched Ones, Headwound, Stuntmen, Showcase Showdown, Timebomb 77, Thorazine, Lower Class Brats, Bomb Squadron, Dead End Cruisers, & others not worth mentioning. Theres some funny songs on here, and some really stupid. Standouts are basically the above listed. If the lyrics aren't extremely hilarious they're really fucking dumb. I'd buy this.

V/A "Far Out Records...and Friends'97 Sampler" CD (Far Out) [DW]

Three labels are represented here (Far Out—Tim from Against All Authority's label, Records of Rebellion—Danny from AAA'a label, and Pop Kid Records). Sounds good right? Well it snot. The bands we all know are awesome, like The Pist, The Crumbs, AAA, and Plan A Project, are the only pleasing bands here, with the exception of Sam the Butcher and the Basicks. They were good punk

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The Rebels "City of Fear" EP (Knockout) [DW]

Gaz from Red Alert is on guitar here, so you know what you got — streetpunk that's catchy but still bearable and even good most of the

time. I think I read these songs were written a while ago, but who knows. Both songs on the B-side are rather average, while the title song and "You Were Gonna..." are both memorable and worth the price. Not quite the quality of Red Alert but definately above average.

Red Aunts "Ghetto Blaster" LP (Epitaph) [DW]

I have to admit that I sort of liked the first two Red Aunts LPs on Epitaph. I don't know, maybe girls with sneers gets me every time. But

on this 3rd LP, they sound like their pool of originality has been drained; their songs are no longer fast and short little rants with

screeching girl vocals, but more like a mix of the Delta 72 and the Lunachicks. Maybe it's a West Coast thing.

The Revolt- Strength thru American Oi!- Vulture Rock [CM] to expect. Their fans will not be let down.

Skizmatics "Youth Crew" EP (Exit) [DW]

Is this the same Long Island label that puts out all those hardcore bands? Probably not, because this is just straightahead punk rock from four kids who look like obvious suburbanites. I guess it's bearable but I'm not falling head over heels for this. Kinda boring in parts, generic in others, but there is talent here and room for improvement — in a good sense. On nice pink marble wax.

The Smooths "Kiss the Carnage" EP (Reptilian) [DW] I was sort of interested to listen to the Smooths because they recently played DC with Anti-Flag. This sucks. I put the B-side on 45 accidentally because the A-side is 45, but the flipside is 33. It kinda rocked on 45, but too bad at the real speed it eats dick!

The Suicide Machines "Battle Hymns" (Hollywood) [DW] Since these are "battle hymns," why don't these fucking geeks march to theirdeath, it would be a whole lot more interesting than this ska-punk horseshit. This captures the very essence of doody.

Squiggy "Anti-Establishment" EP (Headache) [DW]

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Templars "Phase II" CD (Dim) [TD]

Second full length from the grandmasters of the NY Oi! scene. What can I say about this album except that its fucking brilliant. As always the Templars offer us some great Oi! music. Great music + great production = great CD — >100% recommended.

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V/A Awkward Thought/Comin Correct- Split Release- Back Ta Basics/Nawpost [CM]

Awkward thought is one of NY's newer and better hardcore bands. They put on two good songs here, both in the NYHC vein with fast music and good breakdowns. My only problem is that the vocals stay the same through all parts, and it kinda takes away from the music. Comin Correct is Rick Ta Life's side project and they put on two good songs here. The first sounding like AF with the vocals mixed with fast and choppy HC riffs and a great sing a long chorus. The second song is a void cover of "Who are you", and they do it well. A win/win release here for both bands.

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V/A "Oi!...It's Streetpunk! Vol.2" CD (HOO)

This is good. It kicks off with Sweden's Guttersnipe-good songs. The rabblerousers are good-Oi!, a little sloppy yet still good. some other assorted Oi! bands sorta mediocre. The Bloodclots are good-hard punk. The Brass Tacks are a fucking winner on this-great shit. The Glory Stompers do a pretty good-Subway Thugish song. I'd get this if it wasn't too expensive.

V/A- Oi it's Streetpunk vol. 2-Helen of Oi. [CM]

This is a comp featuring 14 or so relatively new streetpunk/oi bands from Europe and the states. Features Guttersnipe, Glory Stompers, The Stouts, MFC, plus a bunch of others. Nothing really outstanding on this one. Guttersnipe have their moments as well as the Stouts and Degeneration. You know what to expect. A good comp of up and coming HOO bands.

V/A Oppressed/Impact 2x7" (DSS)

This is a wierd release. I thought the Oppressed broke up BUT thier back. Unfortunately they cover 3 ska songs:Madness, Skinhead Girl, & Botts are made for stompin - very badly. They also do "CF3" again...I would have rather seen the band do new material or at least some new covers. Impact does a decent job with this release. They have an interesting ska/Oi! mix sung in French. They'd be the reason for picking up this release.

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V/A-Sun, Sea, and Socialism - Mad Butcher [CM]

This is a comp of various socialist/red SHARP bands from Europe. Names include Attlla the Stockbroker, the Blaggers, LES Partisans, Red London, ect.. Most of this is good streetpunk/punk with some ska songs as well. Overall this isn't the best sampler in the world., but regardless of politics, this is definitely worth listening to. Make up your own mind.

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V/A- Strange Cargo- Cargo [CM]

This is a promo comp for Cargo records who distribute for many a punk and oi labels. However, the only good bands on this large comp are Oxymoron, Meteors, P. Paul Fenech, and some ska bands. The rest of this is just shitty dance music or alternative.

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V/A - Victory singles collection-Victory [CM]

This is a comp of 7"s from the more well known victory bands. This features Snapcase, Hi-Strife, Integrity, Psywarefare, Blood for Blood, and Damnation A.D. Youknow what to expect, hard, metal influenced hardcore, except Hi Fi who do their rockabilly/ska thing. BFB and Damnation are the winners here. A good comp if you don't have these and are into this shit.

Violent Society "Times of Distraught" (C.I.) [DW]

This is a great album! It lives up to and maybe surpasses the first LP. I always thought their split EP with the Boils was



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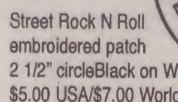
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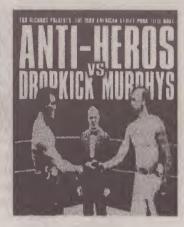


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their best shit - this record comes close to that in sound, and the title track is from that EP. It's easily my favorite VS song. Hardcore punk rock with thick guitars and a fast rhythm. One of the best East Coast bands around now, they're great to see live. The back reads "Punk is just a phase you're going through," well, Violent Society is making that "phase" a little longer!

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Volxstrum-Oi is Fun-Nordland [CM]

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Youth Anthem-Standing Point-KO [CM]

These Japanese guys offer three. English-influenced oi Oink!'s metabolism and never lame at all, this record kicked my bottom and it will yours too! These rednecks know how to rock it.

Zero Tolerance "Sick of you" 7" (HOO)

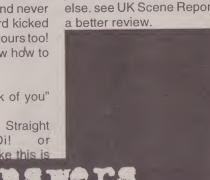
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31 other word instead of "whore"

22 German word for "beer"

.... Riot, early british Oi! band (album "Still out of

18 Shave, british band (1st album "Oi! kinnock give

19 They're smart, and they're the best, and we don't need them in our scene (once straight, but now a

20 Swedish band which plays the best "viking rock"

25 Probably you sit in his waiting room after a hard fight,

26 Dread, probably the most successful white reggae

30 KU-...., white cowards who have nothing to do

32 German Band on DIM Records (2nd album

with our scene, but they will probably always try to

queer, you change your style every year...-Combat

Wonderland)

27 Ruin , band from Galizia/Spain 11 You should climb on it, and spit on people who walk 28 on Oi!, 3rd Oi!-sampler

12 "Also known as", abbreviation

13 The (american band, "Strength thru american

14 Shout this abbreviation at the police pigs (4 Skinssong)

15 Skins & Punks should always be on one of it (drinking, good music, friends)

16 The ..-talents, fucking good french punk band (2 girls, 2 boys)

their best shit — this record comes close to that in sound, and the title track is from that EP. It's easily my favorite VS song. Hardcore punk rock with thick guitars and a fast rhythm. One of the best East Coast bands around now, they're great to see live. The back reads "Punk is just a phase you're going through," well, Violent Society is making that

Violent Society- Times of Distraught- CI [CM]

"phase" a little longer!

Wow, this is a fucking excellenthardcore punk album. Fast and vicious music with vocals that remind me of Gang Green. This album will really get your heart pumping.. Every track is a blistering reminder of what hardcore used to sound like ...

Voice of a Generation- The odd Generation E.P. CD-Sidekick records [CM]

Good, anti-fascist melodic streetpunk from Sweden. really like this EP. It definitely has a 77 punk aspect to it, which has been done a billion times, but these guys come through as being not boring and repetitive. Anyway, good streetpunk with a ton of

singalongs. A good release from these up-and-coming Swedish punks and skins.

Volxstrum-Oi is Fun-Nordland [CM]

Not more Nordic Bullshit!! Anyway, this is actually good music. It comes with the Choas Rock 'n' roll zine which is in some other language, so buy it for the CD. Good, melodic streepunk/oi with good vocals, although I'm kind of getting tired of it. A good release from Germany.

Voodoo Glow Skulls-The band Geek Mafia- Epitaph [CM] Why must I listen to this shit. I hate these fucking guys, always have and always will/ Crappy metal hardcore/ska with horns. Judge for yourself.

Wretched Ones "Tributes Suck" EP (Headache) [BL] Four covers here: "Pirate Love," "Just to Get Away," No More Heroes," and "America the Beautiful." You may be thinking (or not, nitwit): Why did they do a tribute 7" if they think tributes suck? The back sleeve explains it: they've done them for albums that'll never see the light of a record store,

so they compiled the songs on here. Any band that rocks Jersey off its ass to begin with, and then goes off and covers the Heartbreakers and the Dictators is a totally radical band in my book. For a comp of covers this is actually worth the money.

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30 KU-...., white cowards who have nothing to do

33 Upstarts, this band you should know with out

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Youth Anthem-Standing Point-KO [CM]

These Japanese guys offer three, English-influenced oi songs. This kind of reminds me of the Last Resort mixed with Blitz at times The vocals are a bit more harsh and better than most of their Japanese contemporaries, it definitely rises above most of Japanese oi. If your a fan of driving, melodic oi with sing-a-longs, this is for you.

Zeke "Kicked in the Teeth" LP (Epitaph) [DW]

This album definately taught me not to judge a record by its band members!!! I saw the long hair and Reverend Horton Heat t-shirt and

thought, oh god, rednecks. But these guys are awesome!! Probably the best album I've heard for this issue and the best thing put out on Epitaph in a long while. Fast as Dave Oink!'s metabolism and never lame at all, this record kicked my bottom and it will yours too! These rednecks know how to rock it.

This is pretty good. Straight punk/Oi! forward "streetpunk". I feel like this is

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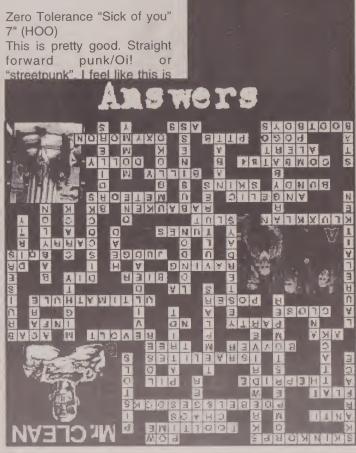
42 Abbreviation of a band

which brought us such

classics as "Banned

45 There you should kick every hippie, who crosses your way

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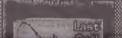


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